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Second Congregational Sunday School, FOR 1874.

THE Annual Meeting of the teachers of the Second Congregational Sunday School, for the choice of Officers for the year ensuing, met in the Chapel, after the Church Prayer Meeting, on Friday evening, January 9th, 1874.

RICHARD H. CHAPPELL was chosen Chairman, and O. A. MUDGE, Clerk.

The following persons were elected in accordance with the By-Laws of the School :

Superintendent—HENRY P. HAVEN.

Assistants—WILLIAM H. CHAPMAN, MRS. ROBERT COIT, Jr.

Secretary—O. A. MUDGE.

Treasurer—NEWTON FULLER.

Missionary Treasurer—O. A. MUDGE.

Librarian—GEO. P. ROGERS.

Organist and Musical Director—CHAS. B. JENNINGS.

Charity Committee—MRS. WM. H. CHAPMAN, MRS. E. B. JENNINGS, Miss ANNA W. POOL.

Collectors—GEO. M. STACY, CHAS. H. HAND.

The opening devotional exercises for the past year were alternate scripture readings from the 19th Psalm, from the 1st Chapter of Isaiah, and from the Sermon on the Mount, with prayer and singing, and recitations of the Commandments or the Apostles' Creed.

We commenced the year with 358 members upon our Register, 76 of whom were in the Primary Room. The average attendance has been 78 members, and about 7 visitors. The largest attendance was on the 8th June, when 319 members were present. The smallest, Aug. 9th, a very stormy day, 166 present. One hundred and eighty-two, have been present at least 40 Sundays.

We have had 879 full classes, an average of about 17 for each Sunday. We have had over 300 present eight times ; less than 200 only twice.

There has been over 260 present 45 times. Thirty-eight members have been present every Sunday, viz :

John Grace, Jr.,	James Reed,	Wm. Bolton,
Geo. P. Rogers,	Frederic Bates,	Burtis A. Williams,
Hilah A. G. Hobron,	John Bates,	Hattie Perkins,
Mary E. Smith,	Fred. B. Manierre,	Lillie M. Baker,
John H. Crocker,	Oscar E. Morris,	Lucretia Avery,
Belle D. Sisson,	Colby C. Chapell,	Frank A. Comstock,
Jessie G. Dart,	Georgie E. Woodworth,	Simon L. Ewald,
L. Stella Beckwith,	Sarah J. Blodgett,	Fred. A. Starr,
Flora M. Keeney,	Mary Frazer,	Fred. F. Blodgett,
Phebe Smith,	Adelaide L. Bates,	Emma J. Manice.
Melissa F. Brummel,	Matilda H. Brummel,	James Newman,
Hattie E. Coit,	Jerry Bolton,	Margaret S. Ewald.
J.R. Hempsted Crocker,	William H. Guest,	

Miss Jessie G. Dart's Class, averaging $3\frac{1}{2}$ members, have been all present 50 Sundays ; Mr. Dudley's class of 5 boys, 49 Sundays ; Mr. Haven's class of gentlemen, averaging $4\frac{1}{3}$ members, 48 Sundays. Four members of this class have been present every Sunday. Mr. John H. Crocker's class of 3 boys have been all present 43 Sundays ; Miss Pool's class of 4 girls, 33 Sundays ; Mrs. Chapell's class of 5 boys, 32 Sundays and Miss Douglas' class of 5 boys, 31 Sundays.

Of the larger classes, Miss Whittlesey's class of young ladies, averaging 8 members, has been full 18 Sundays. Seventeen of our 40 classes have been full at least 25 Sundays. The Primary has maintained its full share of good attendance.

J. R. Hempsted Crocker and Hattie Perkins have been present every Sunday for more than 10 years; two members for more than 7 years ; or for more than 6 years; five for more than 4 years, and three for more than 2 years.

The record of our attendance for the first six months of this year quite remarkable and worthy of note. The average attendance was $287\frac{1}{2}$. At more than half the sessions over 290 members were present and the smallest number was 263. We see in this large and uniform attendance at an early hour through the winter and spring months, an unmistakable love for the school. We offer no rewards, hold out no inducements. The Superintendent could have no better proof that

efforts are not in vain. It is the testimony of the school by their *acts*, and better than any words they might speak.

The subjects of the International Lessons which have comprised our course of study the past year, have been, for the first six months, in the Old Testament, from "Israel in Egypt" to the "death of Moses;" and for the last six months in the New Testament, from "the beginning of the gospel" to "the risen Lord," as given by St. Mark.

There have been thirty-seven teachers' meetings on Saturday evenings, at the house of Mr. Haven, with an average attendance of 14 members, exclusive of visitors. The largest attendance was Dec. 12th, 21 present; the smallest July 11th, 8 present.

Our Primary Department has been under the care of Mrs. Robert Coit, Jr., assisted by Miss M. Jennie Turner, since January, 1870. There were then 35 members on the Roll, to which these teachers added 57 that year, and sent 9 into the classes of the school. The present number in the Primary is 81, and 22 have been sent down to the main room.

The importance of this primary work cannot well be over-estimated. To make the Sabbath a delight to these little restless minds, and to so adapt Bible truth to their understanding as to make its study a pleasure and not a task, is a work of self-denial and a labor of love. The Golden Texts of our lessons are thoroughly learned each week by these little ones, and it is pleasant to listen to their voices as they follow their teachers, reciting them in concert, during our review lessons. It is the good seed, sown to spring up in good time. These children participate in the opening exercises of our school, in recitation of scripture and in singing. Their contribution to the Weekly Offering has been, for the year, \$23.00. On the day before Christmas Mrs. Coit entertained 70 of the children at her house, where, it is needless to say, they had a very pleasant time.

On Saturday afternoon, January 3d, about 125 teachers and scholars met in the Chapel to receive the new hymn book, prepared and published by our Superintendent, and for the first time united in singing a number of the hymns. The following Monday the Superintendent received 142 calls, or written requests for the hymn book, at his residence.

These "Familiar Hymns" were introduced into the school the first Sunday in January, and naturally brought in many familiar tunes. Many of these hymns have long been known and loved for their devotional character and associations. Early in the year Mr. Jennings met the young people of the school many times, to awaken a new interest and improve the character of our singing, and there has been a very general participation in this service. It is our custom for the Superintendent to

read alternately with the school the verses of the opening hymn, that the sentiment may be well understood before singing, so that all may intelligently "sing and give praise."

In consideration of the long and faithful services of our aged missionary, it was determined to present to him the proceeds of our Christmas Offering for 1873. A letter from Dea. Upson, acknowledging the receipt of \$94.14 was read to the school on Sunday morning, January 25th.

In the letter of Miss Carrie Wilcox, enclosing our check to him, the name of his wife was mentioned as sharing our esteem, and in reply, the Dea. says he considers his wife "as more than a silent partner," as she has done much to help him in his work. Mrs. Upson sent a request to the young ladies of the school, that they read Ruth 2: 10, as expressive of her feelings, viz: "Then she fell on her face, and bowed herself to the ground, and said unto him, Why have I found grace in thine eyes, that thou shouldst take knowledge of *me*, seeing I am a stranger."

In February a number of new pictures of scripture subjects were added to those which already adorned the walls of the Chapel.

For three consecutive Sundays in February, every teacher was present in person or by substitute, with a single exception on one Sunday, when a teacher was absent without providing for his class.

On the 22d of March, the Superintendent called attention to a letter received that morning from a boy, 12 years of age, who had been present every Sunday since he joined the school, saying he was prevented by sickness from meeting with us, being threatened with scarlet fever."

Mr. Haven decided that the receipt of a *letter* from a member of the school, giving so good reason for absence, shall be received as his *representation*, that he be marked with the letter **L**, and accounted as present. We have received, under this rule, 28 letters during the year.

On Easter Sunday, April 5th, after the usual devotional exercises, and fifteen minutes employed with the regular lesson, the boys' classes gave testimony from the gospels and from the apostles Peter and Paul, of the Resurrection of Jesus.

On the 15th of April, the Superintendent sent a letter to every teacher requesting them to visit the members of their classes as generally as possible, and inviting teachers and scholars to be present at his house on Saturday evening, April 18th. About 80 accepted this invitation, of whom 25 were teachers.

About 40 expressed, by rising, their determination to commence Christian life. There were many devotional meetings of members of the school at the house of the Superintendent in April, May and June.

For the purpose of ascertaining how generally the members of the

school were interested in our "Weekly Offering," Mr. Haven requested the teachers on the 31st of May, to mark upon the envelope the number of contributors on that Sunday, and learned that out of 220 present in the principal room, 145, or about two-thirds, contributed.

The young ladies of our school, between the ages of 14 and 20, were invited on the 31st of May, with young ladies of the school of the First Church, to the house of our Pastor, to form a Missionary organization. The meeting was well attended, and the Schauffler Missionary Society organized June 6th, under the Woman's Board of Missions in Boston.

The Society holds weekly meetings, and has raised the sum of \$250, the product of a fair for the sale of its needle work, netting \$220, besides the monthly fee of its 27 members. Two hundred and thirty dollars have been sent to the Woman's Board in Boston, for the support of a new lady missionary in Austria, the field of labor where personal friends, after whom the Society is named, are employed.

John E. Hurlbut, a former member and teacher in this school, was licensed to preach the gospel, April 8th, 1873, while pursuing a course of study at the Theological Seminary at Hartford, and having completed the same, preached in our Church on the 14th of June, 1874.

Our Quarterly Review, June 28th, was united with a praise service. The school recited the Titles and Golden Texts of the previous six months, gave the most precious verse in each lesson, and were questioned upon the intervening scriptures between the lessons. They rehearsed the prophecies concerning Christ by Jacob, Balaam and Moses; and the blessing with which Aaron and his sons were commanded to bless the people. Portions of eleven hymns were sung, and a collection taken for the poor children of our own school. We also had a similar programme exercise Sept. 27th.

Mr. Haven read a letter, Sept. 13th, from our missionary, saying that on the 31st of May he presented a library of 62 volumes, received from his school, to a Sunday School in the woods of Michigan. He says, "there is no building to be seen in any direction from this log school-house, and the only evidence of humanity thereabouts is a road partly cut through the woods. The musquitos were so numerous and troublesome, that it was necessary to tie all the horses as near together as they could and make a large 'smudge,' or smoke fire, for their protection. In the school-house they were also compelled to choose between these insects and the smoke, and deeming the latter the least evil, made a big smoke upon the stove." He wishes we had been present when the vote of thanks was proposed, to hear the thirty to forty earnest voices that responded; and finally, he thinks this library will give stability

to this little school in the woods, and will be a great encouragement and satisfaction to these poor children. If each Weekly Offering is competent to produce so much happiness and promise of usefulness, it may well be gathered with precept and song, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, "It is more blessed to give, than to receive."

On the 4th of October, Dea. and Mrs. Upson were present in the school. The Superintendent introduced him as our venerable missionary. The children will not soon forget one, whose letters they have so often heard, whose self-denials and hardships, and earnest labors for the poor children, are so familiar to them. Many of the boys and girls now saw him for the first time, and heard him say that for fourteen years he had been their messenger to the children in the woods. Many were doubtless made glad that they had contributed *something* to his support.

Dea. Upson is 76 years old, has been a missionary twenty-three years, and has traveled 72,000 miles with his horse and carriage over some of the worst roads in the land.

It was proposed that one half the Christmas Offering of 1872 be given to aid a Sunday School in Salt Lake City, but upon careful inquiry our Superintendent had doubts of its expediency, and having written Rev. Chas. W. Kilbon, late a teacher in this school and now a missionary in Africa, with a view to learn how the children's money might be there expended to accomplish the most good, read to the school, October 11th, an extract of a letter received from him in reply. He says, "The people of Inanda are trying to build a Chapel, their old one having, a number of years since, blown down. They have for a long time met under the trees. This new Chapel will cost this poor people a great effort if they finish it, and they would be especially glad of help in paying for window sashes and seats." On motion of a teacher, the school, by rising, accepted the proposition of Mr. Haven, to send the remainder of our Christmas Offering for 1872, being somewhat more than forty dollars, to aid the people of Inanda in Southern Africa, to finish their Chapel.

The International Committee met with Mr. Haven early in November, to select the lessons for 1876, and on Thursday evening, Nov. 5th, there was a public meeting of great interest in our Church. President Chapin of Beloit College presided, and short addresses were made by Rev. Drs. Hall and Vincent of New York, Rev. Drs. Newton and Randolph of Philadelphia, and by B. F. Jacobs, Esq., of Chicago.

On the 15th of November the lesson embraced the story of the widow who cast two mites into the treasury, and the Superintendent improved this opportunity to speak of the *duty* of giving of our substance to the

Lord, and expressed the hope that on the next Sunday every one would heartily and cheerfully give something.

Rev. Edward Webb, for nineteen years a missionary in Southern India, and now Chaplain of Lincoln University in Pennsylvania, was present as a visitor on the 15th of November, and addressed the school.

In his remarks he spoke of a number of native African boys who were sent to this country by the American missionaries, and are being educated with great success at this University, and he especially desired the school to take an interest in them.

On the 22d of November, Mr. Haven was absent from the school in consequence of the death of his wife during the previous week. The repeated and most trying afflictions through which he has passed during the year, has cast a shade of sadness over the school.

“ We share our mutual joys,
Our mutual burdens bear,
And often for each other flows,
The sympathizing tear.”

While our beloved Superintendent is bereaved of a true Christian friend and companion, the Church also has lost a faithful helper.

The annual meeting of the teachers to consider the interests of the school was held at the house of Mr. Haven, on Wednesday evening, Dec. 9th, and there were 32 present. The meeting was opened by reading the scriptures and singing. Inquiry was made of each teacher respecting the absentees of their classes, partly that all merely nominal members might be dropped from the roll. Specimen copies of the Question Books published upon the International Lessons were presented for inspection and choice. It was decided to introduce an extra singing of two verses into the opening exercises of the new year; to continue the Weekly Offerings, in the hope that all may be trained to the habit of doing *something* for the benefit of others; to appropriate the Christmas Offering for 1874 to the benefit of the poor children of our own school; to request the Church Committee to take a collection in the Church once a year for the benefit of the poor children of the Sunday School; to hold a weekly Sunday School prayer-meeting for teachers and scholars, in the Chapel, on Wednesday evenings, after the 1st of January; to request the Pastor to preach once a month upon the subject of the lesson, and on account of the afflictive providences which have come so near to us, it was decided to forego our customary New Year's Festival, and to promise the school a pleasant excursion the coming summer.

After a session of two hours, refreshments were introduced, and a half hour spent in social intercourse. The meeting was closed with prayer.

The New London County Sunday School Committee of four gentlemen, met in this city early in October, and, "in pursuance of their duties, arranged for a series of Union Institutes, so located that every school in the county would be in easy access to one or more of them." They divided the county into six districts, and resolved to hold a Sunday School Institute in each during the fall and winter months, and previously to visit every school in the county. The Institute for this locality was held in our Chapel and Church, Dec. 16th, and represented 26 Sunday Schools. Much good preparatory work had been done, and the meetings, which were largely attended, were adapted to encourage the co-operation of adults in Bible study.

At the close of the year, the Superintendent addressed a circular to many of those who had left the school in the past eight years, soliciting their return, and another to adult members of our congregation, inviting *them* to come and share with us the privilege of studying the word of God. More than 200 persons were thus addressed.

The morning discourse of our Pastor has been occasionally, through the year, upon the subject of the Sunday School lesson.

The notification of teachers in advance, when they would be called upon to offer the morning prayer in the school, has been satisfactory, and during the past year cards have been issued quarterly for this purpose.

The Sunday School prayer-meetings, which were commenced October 22d, 1873, were continued till July 19th, a period of about nine months.

For a few months these meetings were attended mostly by the teachers, who continued with great perseverance to seek for a blessing upon the school. The week of prayer seemed to give a new impulse to the Church, and the daily prayer-meeting was largely attended, while prayers were more than usually fervent and prevalent. Through the agency of the Young Men's Christian Association, with the co-operation of the several churches, Rev. A. B. Earle spent a number of days in our city, early in April, doing the work of an evangelist. His labors were greatly blessed in the conversion of many, and in the increased activity and consecration of Christians. Thirty-six members of our school, from fifteen different classes, were led to accept Christ, and have united with the Church on profession of their faith. We hope it may be said of each "they have wholly followed the Lord." During this season of blessing our prayer-meetings were well attended and conducted in an interesting

and profitable manner. For some of these meetings subjects were announced, and all requested to bring an appropriate text of scripture. The subject announced for the Wednesday evening previous to the first Sunday in July, when many of our members were expecting to unite with the Church, was "Thanksgiving and Praise;" and all were invited to bring a written reason for their thanksgiving. More than twenty notes were handed in. Among the many reasons given, a number were thankful that they had been gathered into the fold of the Good Shepherd; others for the conversion of a brother, a sister, a very dear friend; that "showers of blessings" had descended upon the school; that God had heard and answered prayer; for new personal desires; for new evidences; for a very precious reconciliation; that God had lately been teaching the teacher and her class to know more of Himself; that God had blessed the efforts of those who had labored for Him in this Sunday School; for a Christian mother, her life and teaching; for God's unchangeable character; that God is no respecter of persons, but that whosoever will, may take the water of life freely.

In a few months forty years will have passed since, on the 26th of April, 1835, this Sunday School was organized. It was a formal organization, with a printed Constitution, defining the duties of teachers, attached to their class-books, and showing on the part of the founders, a true appreciation of the work they had undertaken. The school of that year had about one half our present membership. There were but few who could be classed as adults, and comparatively few little children; but such has been the change that forty years has wrought in the Sunday School work, that now we have twelve adult classes, which have a membership of 115. Eight of these classes have in them more or less married persons.

The first Superintendent of this school was Thos. S. Perkins, Esq., who served not quite three years, but though in feeble health, continued in the school as teacher of the only class of young men. We have the school-roll of the first year, written in his own bold, plain hand. He died at sea in October, 1844, being on a voyage for the benefit of his health. His successor was Rev. Joseph Hurlbut, who took an early and active part in the gathering of this Church, supplying its pulpit the first twenty years, and transferring his interest to the Sunday School, over which he was chosen to preside in January, 1838, continuing in charge twenty years, during which time he was rarely absent from his position. Henry P. Haven, our present Superintendent, was chosen in January, 1858, and has now completed seventeen years of faithful labor. Since that time there has been a session of the school every Sunday morning at

a quarter past 9 o'clock. During this period we have had the names of 1794 different persons upon our Register.

The amount contributed for charitable purposes during these years has been :

To the Henry Martyn Missionary Association.....	\$2,149 22
“ “ Church Building Aid Society.....	1,200 00
Six Christmas Offerings.....	893 85
Weekly Offerings of 1874.....	485 72
Six years' Collections for Charity Committee.....	465 26
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	\$5,194 05

with other occasional collections of which record was not preserved.

In seventeen years, 39 members have died while connected with the school, viz: 6 teachers and 33 scholars.

It has been the aim of the Superintendent to nurture in the school a spirit of Christian beneficence. A meeting of the teachers was held at the house of Mr. Haven, October 28, 1858, to discuss “the best mode of missionary effort for the Sunday School,” and as a result, the “Henry Martyn Missionary Association” was formed November 27th of the same year.

This association was, from the first, pledged to the half support of a missionary of the American Sunday School Union, and occasionally made contributions to other benevolent objects. In 1868, soon after the burning of our former house of worship, the Superintendent proposed to the school a plan for aiding our Ecclesiastical Society in building the Church and Chapel we now occupy. The school entered into this work with great interest, and in one year raised the sum of \$1,200. This effort was concluded in May, 1869, and on Christmas day of the same year, the Superintendent assembled the school for a Christmas service, and received a liberal contribution to aid in purchasing furniture for the Chapel. This collection amounted to \$360.

On the Christmas following, the Superintendent said, “as Christmas is a day for receiving gifts, he trusted they would be willing to make an offering.” Our “Christmas Service,” with a “Christmas Offering,” thenceforward became an institution, and from this time all our collections have been regarded as a religious service; appropriate selections of scripture being alternately read by the Superintendent and sung by the choir while the offerings were being received.

These infrequent contributions at length unfolded, in the beginning of this year, (1874,) into a systematic course of benevolent giving. The amount given was deemed of little importance compared with the early formation of beneficent habits. Printed envelopes were prepared for

Weekly Class Offerings," with the understanding that every cent was to be devoted to the benefit of others. This plan has been continued through the year, being intermitted one Sunday in June, for a special collection, which amounted to \$30, for the benefit of children aided by our own Committee, and on Christmas Sunday for our customary Christmas Offering, which also went to our own Charity Committee, and amounted to \$77.34. Our Weekly Offerings for the year amounted to \$485.72, to which \$18.23 is to be added for interest at the Savings Bank. A class of young men have also raised \$100 for a member of their class, who has been disabled by sickness.

If these charities have been given in the spirit of the little child, whose daily prayer was, "God bless my pennies," we may well expect the chief blessing will fall upon the *giver*.

As a beautiful landscape is not all sunshine, so death throws its long shadow over the pleasing incidents of our Sunday School year. Our records show that four beloved members, who have taken part in our pleasant service, will no more join in our earthly songs. Lizzie Kaneen, little girl $4\frac{1}{2}$ years old, joined the Primary May 31st, was last present Dec. 27th, and died on the morning of the 30th. She was absent but six times in the seven months of her connection with the school. She was one of the seventy children who visited their teacher the day before Christmas. The Superintendent made suitable reference to the death of this little child on the first Sunday of the year. "And Jesus said, Suffer little children and forbid them not, to come unto me; for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

Emily S. Grant united with this school April 13th, 1862, was last present August 31st, 1873, and died March 22d, 1874. On account of ill health, she has been only an occasional member for the past two or three years. During the earlier years of her membership, it was her privilege to enjoy the instructions of Miss Caulkins, an experienced and faithful teacher, to whom she became greatly attached, and for whom she cherished an affection even to the close of her life. She was an only daughter and had been a subject of many prayers, and though she had not made a profession of faith in Christ, we cherish the hope that her trials of sickness inclined her to trust in Christ as her Savior. The Superintendent announced her death to the school with fitting remarks, when prayer was offered, and the school united in singing,

"Jesus, while our hearts are bleeding,
O'er the spoils that death has won,
We would, at this solemn meeting,
Calmly say, Thy will be done."

Nellie F. Tobey joined the school Jan. 7th, 1872. With the exception of a few Sundays in the summers of 1872 and '73, when she was out of town, she was present every Sunday during her connection with the school, till, on the last Sunday in May and the first Sunday in June, she sent *letters* regretting her inability to be present on account of sickness. The following Sunday, June 14th, her father yielded to her very urgent desire to be present, and brought her in his carriage, returning at the close of the exercise; and this was her last attendance in the school. About three weeks later, on the 6th of July, she died, at the age of 16 years. Possessing naturally a loving disposition which led her to treat every one with consideration and kindness, her mind was not easily influenced by credit evil reports against any, but she was at all times disposed to charity. Entertaining from a child a serious conviction of the truth of God's word, she at length yielded her cheerful consent to it, and from this time she enjoyed secret prayer and sought opportunities to pray with a young Christian friend. Her mind now turned toward the Church of Christ, with which she was hoping to unite on the 5th of July, but her parents, though satisfied that her heart was fixed and the great question settled, desired a postponement of her purpose, that she might the better realize the importance of the step she was about to take. Nellie yielded readily to their wishes, and thenceforward was looking to the September communion as the time when she should make a public profession of her faith in Christ. God accepted her consecration, but had "better things prepared for her. Her last days were clouded by unconsciousness, but her work was done. Nellie was a member of our Sunday School choir and was generally known and beloved in the school. She was a member of the Gilead Sunday School and of the Young Ladies' High School. A large number of sympathizing friends gathered at her funeral service in our Church, from which her remains were taken to a grave which kind hands had lined with "love's last gift," evergreens and flowers. At her burial service, her classmates sang the hymn—

"Sister, though from yonder sky,
Cometh neither voice nor cry,
Yet we know, from thee to-day
Every pain hath passed away."

Richard H. Chapell became a member of the family of our Superintendent at the age of 12 years. He joined this school in 1838 and was last present August 9th, 1874, when he offered the morning prayer. He had taught for many years, and at the time of his death was the faithful and intelligent instructor of a class of young men, the earlier and most constant members of which he constituted life members of the American

Board. He was very regular in his attendance upon the weekly teachers' meeting. In 1867 he was Assistant Superintendent, and for about two years in 1866, '67 and '68 was teacher of the Primary department. He was for more than a dozen years, and until his death, President of the "Henry Martyn Missionary Association" of this school. He joined the Church at the age of 16 years, in 1842, and was heartily devoted to its interests and welfare. He died August 29th, 1874, at the age of 48 years, ever since Mr. Chapell was entrusted with the care of the little children. He has evinced a special love for them. At our annual festivals their happiness was always upon his heart, and he was careful to cautiousness when planning for their enjoyment. He would procure a profusion of pleasant gifts, the value of which was greatly enhanced by his pleasant and amusing plans of distribution. The instrument which accompanies their songs in the school was from him; and the circular window which lights their gallery, was by him generously furnished with the appropriate and elegant representation of "Christ blessing little children," given as a memorial of his Lambs which the Good Shepherd had gathered. After reading a volume of the sermons of a distinguished clergyman, he referred to the one entitled, "Living to God in small things," as the one that most interested him.

The Mission School, which was established some sixteen years since, holding its meetings for many years in inconvenient places, found a friend in Mr. Chapell, who was also for a short time its Superintendent, and to whose Christian enterprize and liberality, more than to any other, it owes the privilege of meeting in a pleasant and commodious Chapel of its own. For several years past Mr. Chapell has been much afflicted with infirmities, yet he not only endured them with great patience, but has also discharged the active responsibilities of business, and found time to counsel and plan enterprizes for the public welfare. The faithful prosecution of a successful business, furnished the means of gratifying his desire to do good. Having received largely, he gave freely, with generous liberality.

Every good cause, public and private, will miss him; the Church of Christ will miss him; the Sunday School will miss him, and the little children will miss him.

O. A. MUDGE, SECRETARY.

NEW LONDON, January 10th, 1875.

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William Hicks,

Charles J. Goodale,
Henry C. Hand,
Leverett Wm. Doyle.

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William Potter,
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